Big Spring Area Groundwater Basin

• Groundwater Basin Number: 3-47

• County: San Luis Obispo

• Surface Area: 7,320 acres (11.4 square miles)

Basin Boundaries and Hydrology

Big Spring Area Groundwater Basin underlies a valley in southern San Luis Obispo County. The basin is bounded by Miocene age marine rocks (Jennings 1958). The valley is drained by a tributary to San Juan Creek. Precipitation ranges from 8 to 10 inches per year.

Hydrogeologic Information

Water Bearing Formations

The main water-bearing unit is Quaternary age alluvium.

Restrictive Structures

No information is available.

Recharge Areas

No information is available.

Groundwater Level Trends

No information is available.

Groundwater Storage

Groundwater Storage Capacity. No information is available. **Groundwater in Storage.** No information is available.

Groundwater Budget (Type C)

No information is available.

Groundwater Quality

Characterization. No information is available. **Impairments.** No information is available.

Well Production characteristics

Well yields (gal/min)				
Municipal/Irrigation	Range:	Average:		
Total depths (ft)				
Domestic	Range:	Average:		
Municipal/Irrigation	Range:	Average:		

Active Monitoring Data

Agency	Parameter	Number of wells /measurement frequency
	Groundwater levels	
	Miscellaneous water quality	
Department of Health Services and cooperators	Title 22 water quality	

Basin Management

Groundwater management:

Water agencies

Public San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works

Private

References Cited

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Additional References

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Errata

Changes made to the basin description will be noted here.